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THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 1954

Cabled Audrey at Radcliffe College congratulating her on her twenty-first birthday. She has never been anything but a source of delight to me.

Armistice Day, and therefore a holiday. The Bois was thronged with spectators of the Auteuil races and others taking the autumn air.

Jean Monnet telephoned me from Luxembourg to say his letters of resignation, effective as of February 10, 1955, had been dispatched to the Governments concerned. He also made a statement reading as follows:

"In an extraordinary session of the High Authority on Tuesday, November 9, 1954, Mr. Jean Monnet informed his colleagues of his decision not to request renewal of his mandate as President of the High Authority upon the expiration of that mandate on February 10, 1955.

"He communicated to the members of the High Authority the text of the letter on that subject that he was transmitting to the Governments of the six countries of the Community.

"The letter was sent to the six Governments on November 10 in order to leave them sufficient time to permit a new President to be chosen.

"Mr. Monnet gave the High Authority the following reasons for his decision:

"'It is in order to have full freedom of action and speech to take part in the construction of European unity — which must be concrete and real — that I have decided to regain that freedom on February 10 upon expiration of my mandate as President of the High Authority of the ECSC.

"'The effort now being successfully carried out for coal and steel in the six countries of our Community must now be followed through to the ultimate goal: the United States of Europe.

"'The institutions of the ECSC are thus far the only European institutions to which our Parliaments have agreed to surrender sovereignty and grant powers

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of decision. Those institutions have been functioning for over two years and the first European market is now an established reality among Germany, the Benelux countries, France and Italy.

"'Our countries have become too small for the present world with its modern technical methods, on the scale of America and Russia of today and China and India of tomorrow.

"'The unity of the European people, banded together in the United States of Europe, is the means of raising their standard of living and preserving Peace. It is the great hope and opportunity of our time. If we work unfalteringly toward that goal without delay, it will be the reality of tomorrow.'"

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